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Dear Gordon,

Do not get tired at the bulk and weight of this package, for I didn't in writing it. My wife is retyping the first story (which reminds me, I made no titles. I thought of calling the clean copy "Greek Gifts" but do not dare) and I made a carbon of the second as I roughed it out today. I am so used to keeping carbon past clarity because usually copies are for me alone and we are still very short on cash and long on debts, so I apologize. Its purpose is to give you an idea of the content of the second piece.

I shall have the second one retyped when I can without again taking my overworked wife from WHITEWASH II. A third piece can deal with what the government avoided keeping and avoided getting. You have an idea of what it would say from the ms., but I'd not want to take the edge off of that. I think it adds up to total suppression in the name of revelation, and I think it is the more shocking because of the pretense.

My head at the moment is no more clear than my plans. I am anxious for you to get this rapidly yet I do not want to make an extra trip to Washington. If I follow my present hunch I'll mail this by making a trip into Frederick early in the morning, thus losing little working time and picking up almost a day in the mail.

Probably I'll mail a carbon to Salisbury of the TIMES with the request that he give it to their magazine people. I'll let you know.

I hope my rush was not too great. I'd have liked for this to cool for a few days and then reread it. But the subject is very hot right now and should be more marketable. That should also coincide with other desireable side effects, there and here. I also had to rush because this coming week I have two speeches to make, two trips to Washington on a single day, and I have to be available for radio use to promote the TV show that is really a promotion for that wretched Lane. I have already decided that I shall make no such appearances unless they carry an open plug for my book, complete with how to get it. I fully intend to tell the Metromedia people this as soon as they call. I shall initiate no contact with them. And I've got that upper gastrointestinal whatever it is they do to inquire. It is a full week. It was this weekend or not for another week.

Progress report on WHITEWASH II: I do not expect anything I can accept from Dell on it. My wife is 3/4 through retyping it for offset, this time clearly and with fresh ribbons when needed, with space between the paragraphs, etc. She may have it ready for the artist the week of the 14th., with luck. It still has to be read and corrected, which takes time.

It is getting rougher, don't you think? And may very well and very soon get even tighter. The government, despite puter placidity, must be deeply distressed. The two things I consider most possible are smears and a documented attack on Lane's irresponsibility and repetitious error, which has become a way of life with him.

Hope you can parlay this into a few more chickens. Let me know when you need more recipes.

Sincerely,

I've included a second copy. Do you think Feltrinelli can use it for promotion, getting me the revenue? Wish I could show it to Orlando of L'Europeo. I was supposed to send a copy to de Beausset of Paris-Match but didn't have it retyped in time. May show him one Tuesday. He thinks they could be interested. Can't send one to Ouvareff because I haven't his address. How about Panorama? I hope this can be a sensation in Europe. The first time the govt opens its wouth I put its foot in for it! That should also do something to my European reputation, not